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Division of Forestry Taking Orders for Tree Seedlings

Trees improve wildlife habitat, protect soil, and reduce effects of heat

Frankfort, Ky. (Sept. 12, 2014) – With fall just around the corner, the Kentucky Division of Forestry is encouraging Kentuckians to plan their tree-planting activities now by ordering tree seedlings through the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF).

By placing your order now, you can select from more than 50 species of trees including white pine, bald cypress, black walnut, white oak, yellow-poplar, dogwood, redbud, pawpaw, hazelnut, pecan and many more. These bare-root seedlings can be used by private landowners, as well as the public sector for reforestation, wildlife habitat development, erosion control, windbreaks and numerous other conservation projects.

Businesses are encouraged to purchase seedlings and give them to customers for promotional purposes or give seedlings to their employees as a reward or perk. Businesses and individuals regularly purchase seedlings and donate them to a school for students to take home or to community tree planting events as a sponsor.

If you want to make a difference but do not have a site to plant trees, consider becoming part of Kentucky's 20/20 Vision for Reforestation, which was initiated by Gov. Steve Beshear.

The project utilizes Kentucky's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, along with other civic groups, to assist with the planting of bare root tree seedlings produced by KDF. The plantings take place on both public and private lands with a goal to plant 20 million seedlings over the next 20 years, making it currently the most ambitious tree planting project of its kind in the nation. In the spring of 2014 more than 440,000 seedlings were planted through this project.

Seedlings will be available for shipping from January through April; they can be purchased in bundles of one, 10 or 100 and range in price from as little as 23 cents per tree to \$5 per tree, depending on the quantity ordered. Seedlings are available on a first-come, first-serve basis; therefore, it is advised to place orders as soon as possible. Order forms and contact information for placing orders are available online at <http://forestry.ky.gov>.

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